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MISCELLANEOUS AND LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

WE understand, that there has lately been received at Philadelphia, a collection of very fine instruments, destined for the survey of the coast of the United States, and the determination of the lengths of different degrees of the meridian, comprehended within our territorial limits. Among these instruments are two astronomical clocks, two transit instruments of five feet each, and two sets of achromatick telescopes of three each, from six to four feet in length. These are intended for fixed observations, which according to the plan proposed were to be placed near the extreme parts of the coast.

The other instruments are to be used on the survey ; several of them may also be used to good purpose in an observatory. They consist principally of the following, viz. six box and two pocket chronometers, one grand theodolite of two feet diameter, two theodolites of one foot each, two double repeating circles of eighteen inches, and six reflecting ones of ten inches diameter ; a part with stands, spirit levels, and artificial horizons, two surveying theodolites, two surveying compasses, two plane tables, six mountain barometers, and a very ingenious apparatus for measuring a base line with the utmost exactness, together with the standard English and French measures.

The above instruments are pronounced to be of the best construction, and of admirable workmanship : They were made by the first artists in London, under the immediate direction and superintendence of Mr. Hasler, a native of Switzerland, and some time since a professor in the United States Military Academy at West Point. Many of the instruments contain valuable improvements, that were suggested by this very ingenious and learned gentleman. As a collection, they are thought to be very complete, and not inferior, in any respect, to the best that have been used in the great national surveys of Europe.

We are glad to see so good a beginning made in a work, that cannot fail to be particularly interesting to the science, as well as to the commerce of our country ; and it gives us pleasure to learn, that it is likely to be committed to the care of one, who in the opinion of the best judges, possesses not only the theoretical knowledge and practical skill, but the ardour and perseverance also, which are necessary to so difficult and arduous an undertaking.

Mr. John Souter, bookseller, Pater Noster Row, London, publisher of the Monthly Magazine, the London Medical and Physical Journal, has announced his intention of becoming a general agent for American books and periodical publications.

DISCOVERY OF LATIN WRITINGS.

Augsburg, Nov. 2.

The indefatigable abbot ANGELO MAJO, one of the keepers of the Ambrosian library at Milan, has discovered the works of an ancient author, of whom we know nothing but his name and a small work.

This is the works of M. CORNELIUS FRONTO, with unpublished letters of the emperours *Antoninus Pius*, *Marcus Aurelius*, *L. Verus* and *Appian*. The publication consists of two volumes 8vo. with some copper-plates and fac similes of the M. S. of *M. Fronto*, an African by birth, the preceptor of two emperours *M. Aurelius* and *L. Verus*, and the greatest Latin orator after *Cicero*; only a small grammatical work was hitherto known, now 20 works of this remarkable author have been discovered in the Ambrosian library. There are several books of Latin and Greek letters to different emperours, &c. &c. In these volumes are inserted also three unpublished Latin letters of *Antoninus Pius*, 18 of *M. Aurelius*, 6 of *L. Verus*, one Greek letter of *Appian* the historian, and many inedited pieces of *Ennius*, *Plautus*, *Cato*, *Salust*, and other ancient Romans and Greeks. The Greek pieces have a Latin translation; in short, nothing is neglected to heighten the value of this most agreeable present. No Editio princeps of any classick can be compared with it. Fifteen copies are printed in large 4to. and will be one day a great curiosity.

THE publick are hereby informed, that the Trustees and Overseers of Bowdoin College at their session in May last, passed an act to require from Students seeking admission into this College, in addition to the present requisitions for entrance into the Freshman class, an acquaintance with the *Bucolicks* or *Eclogues* and the four books of the *Georgicks* of *Virgil*, for the year 1816, and for 1817, in further addition, an acquaintance with *Collectanea Græca Minora* of the late Professor Dalzel.

The present requisitions are a knowledge of the four fundamental rules of Arithmetick, the Latin Grammar, the Greek Grammar, the Aeneid of *Virgil*, the select Orations of *Cicero*, the Greek Testament, together with an ability to make a Grammatical translation of English into Latin. To the last object, it is respectfully recommended, that gentlemen, who are preparing youth for college, should require of their pupils particular attention. It is likewise recommended, that the acquaintance, which students form with the Grammar both of the Latin and Greek language, should be minute and intimate.

JESSE APPLETON, *President.**Brunswick, Dec. 15, 1815.*

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Our artists are continuing their labours with more ardour, since the publick attention, has been turned towards them. We have seen a landscape with cattle, in a scene of summer repose and calm, by Mr. Fisher, now in the possession of Mr. Henry Pickering, of Salem, which is a new proof of the fine talents of that artist: also, a scene of cattle and horses, with a fine and harmonious effect of colouring. Mr. Stewart Newton, has produced a picture of the scene, where Falstaff is recounting to the Prince his nocturnal combat on Gadshill, and the heroick deed he had performed. This is one of his first attempts in this way; the grouping is good, the humour and expression of the countenances, excellent: there can be no doubt that he will obtain great success in the popular department of cabinet pictures. Mr. Morse has painted a moonlight scene, which we only saw in an unfinished state, and one or two portraits for engraving. Mr. Willard has gone to Richmond, to obtain a cast from Houdon's statue of Washington, in the State House. We are extremely happy to state, that a subscription is now under way to raise a fund for an insitution, to protect our own artists, and promote the progress of the Fine Arts. We shall say more of this on a future occasion.

A shock of an earthquake was felt in the towns of Weston, Sudbury and Framingham, during the night of the 15th of February, which was calm, intensely cold, and a bright moonlight. Several fissures in the earth were seen the next day, and this same appearance has been noticed in other places at the same time, and was not owing, as was supposed by some, to the earthquake, but to the extreme cold.

An account of the District of Maine with a new map on a large scale, containing all the latest corrections, by Mr. Greenleaf, is now in train for publication. The work contains much new and interesting information respecting that important section of the country, and we hope the talents and industry of the author will be rewarded by estensive patronage.

Wells and Lilly, have just received from London, and will shortly publish, *Rhodá: a Novel.* By the Author of "*Things by their Right Names.*" "*Plain Sense,*" &c.